(b) if so, whether Government propose to *estabMk* a separate Trust Fund for die ad«Wi.it.tration of gratuity fund on the linos of the Provident Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MlNSSflRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAM;: (a) and (b) Complaints are received fern time to time regarding mis-managemeat of Gratuity Fund and non payment *mi* gratuity. All such complaints are looked into by the concerned au thorities under the Payment of Gratuity Act and appropriate action is taken. How ever, wilfc a view to stop such misuse, suggestions have been received for provid ing for compulsory insurance of emplo yers' liability for payment of gratuity This ' up for consideration at the Indian Labour Conference which is schoiiuled to be held on 25th and 26th November, 1985.

Production of Janata cloth

367. SHRI RAMANAND YAD-W ; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to 3[f]-ate:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Janata cloth has mostly been allotted to the handloom sector; and

(b) ' so, what steps Government have taken to increase the production of Janata cloth by the weavers in the country?

THE. MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHLW..9WD ALAM KHAN): (a) Out of til-total target of 700 million sq. metre-, of subidised cloth for the year *toe* target for production of Janata the handloom sector has beeri fixed at 420 million sq. metres. The new Testiies Policy announced in June, 1985 envisages transfer of entire production of controlled oloth to the handloom sector by the end of the Seventh Five Year H*n. However, the target for productions of Janata Cloth was gradually increased during the Sixth Five Year Plan *i'adt* after the announcement of the Textile Policy of 1981, as can be seen from the following statement:

(In million sq. metres)

Year	Total target for controlled/ Janata Cloth	Target for Janata Cloth
1981-82 . . .	650	325
1982-83 . . .	650	340
1983-84 . .	650	350
1984-85 . . .	650	360

(b) Increase in the allocation for the production of Janata cloth has been allow ed to the Suae Go n basis of the requests received from them, taking into account their production capacity and the past performan There is, however, no compulsion o[n] the state[s] or the weavers to produce Janata Cloth. The State Governments have been specifi cally instructed that fo[r] increasing ih-production of Janata Cloth the dormant and inactive looms should be activised to . ide emp!o\mcnt to unemployed and under-empioyed weavers. The weavers engaged in the production of better value-added items should not be diverted to the production of Janata Cloth. The Cen tral Government have also issued det. guidelines to State Governments to stream line the production and distribution ar rangements under the Janata Cloth* Scheme which, *inter alia* provided

(i) Setting up of a nodal agency in each State for implementation of the Janata Cloth Scheme and its supervision and monitoring;

(ii) The periodic review of the per-formance of the various states;

(iii) Instruction to Stale Govern ments to link the production of Janata Cloth with their arrangements for supply of raw materials to weavers.